What the critics have to say about

CRIME AND COVER-UP

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History On The Run

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Crime and Cover-Up -- The CIA, the Mafia, and the Dallas-Watergate Connection, by Peter Dale Scott. Westworks Publishers, Box 2071, Berkeley. $3.

As the U.S. government is trying to hang the assassination of John Kennedy on Fidel Castro, this new book by Professor Peter Dale Scott of U.C. Berkeley deftly unweaves the macrame of murder and intrigue that has become part of the public political process of America.(It's a three-party system, now -- the Republicans, the Democrats and the CIA.)

In this 48-page essay, the patient and persistent Scott includes 216 footnotes -- more than four sources per page! The reading of the footnotes alone is enough to blow your wonder. For example:

". . .Mr. (Robert) Bennett said also that he has been feeding stories to Bob Woodward of the Washington Post with the understanding that there be no attribution to Bennett. Woodward is suitably grateful for the fine stories and the by-lines which he gets and protects Bennett (and the Mullen Company. . .") -- #116, from **The Nedzi Committee Hearings.** Woodward and Bernstein should also be grateful for the Pulitzer Prize they got for **All The President's Men.**

This is what Scott has to say about it: "Neither the White House nor Congress was powerful enough to control the secret funds and secret operations of Robert Maheu and later of Intertel (a "private" CIA; --ed.): The inability of the Kennedys to keep track of Maheu's Mafia assassination plots was followed by Richard Nixon's inability to keep the Hughes-Intertel representative in Washington, Robert Bennett of the CIA-front Robert R. Mullen Company, from leaking stories to Robert Woodward which would ultimately force Nixon from office."

Since Woodward and Bernstein never revealed their sources, one is entitled to wonder what they thought of these CIA leaks? To put it more bluntly, were two U.S. Presidents assassinated -- one by bullets, the other by the **Washington Post?**

Notice that Scott states "the inability of the Kennedys" and "the inability of Richard Nixon" to keep track of what's coming down. This situation arises, he feels, because "the para-government which funded the Hughes operations were at the center of the 'military-industrial complex' which President Eisenhower warned of on leaving public life."

This military / industrial / multinational / CIA complex, which installs and removes governments at will, eludes our Presidents. Does it **remove** our Presidents as well?

Thanks to **The Barb, Sundance** and other alternative publications, plus the legions of independent investigative reporters such as Sylvia Meagher, et al, this para-government, which is now out to hang the Kennedy killing on Castro, is going to have a hard time making it stick. While Scott has no "Deep Throat" to feed him leaks, his research and reporting exceeds, by far, the wonder boys of the **Washington Post.**

". . . a small masterpiece which renders understandable a Byzantine picture of internecine rivalries within government agencies and the intelligence apparatus, and the whole shabby interlinkage of conspiracy within conspiracies.

"Peter Dale Scott has emerged as the unchallenged expert on the political, underworld, and labor union interrelationships in the complex framework of the assassinations in Dallas and elsewhere."

—Sylvia Meagher, author of *Accessories After the Fact*

"Fascinating! It says clearly what the Schweiker-Hart Report said only in code. An ingenious tour through the corridors of the Washington power-brokers that whets our appetite for a fuller revelation of the murky background of the Kennedy killing."

—Josiah Thompson, author of *Six Seconds in Dallas*